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DAY TWO – MINUTES OF THREE-YEAR PLAN RETREAT

Sleep Inn

11211 Hickman Road, Conference Room

Urbandale, IA 50322

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Present: Joel Illian, Chair; Andrew Allen; Candice Bennett; Hon. Stephen Clarke; Wayne Ford; Karen Jones; Jeremy Kaiser; Rev. Roy Klobnak; Dillon Malone; Bill Ocker; Tony Reed; Carl Smith; Shauna Soderstrum; Jennifer Tibbetts; Julie Walton; Doug Wolfe

Staff: Steve Michael, Interim Administrator; Kile Beisner; Dave Kuker; Scott Musel; Kathy Nesteby; Julie Rinker

Others: Robin Jenkins, Facilitator

I. Reconvene

Joel Illian reconvened the meeting at 8:46 a.m. Robin Jenkins facilitated discussion for the day. He reviewed his juvenile justice resume and provided contact information.

[8:55 a.m. Wayne Ford joined the meeting]

II. Introduction to Day Two Process: Concept Icebreaker

The purpose of the day was to develop a work plan by identifying priorities and developing goals and objectives. Jenkins reviewed the JJDP Act core requirements and purpose of the State Advisory Group (SAG). He challenged the group to focus on an outcome-oriented system.

III. Appreciative Evaluation Introduction

- **Big Picture Questions & Review of Recommended Focus Areas**
- **Strategic Planning Framework**

When developing priorities, Jenkins asked the group to also identify performance outcome measures. He challenged members to periodically assess the plan to determine if the goals and objectives set forth are being achieved or still realistic.

[9:10 a.m. Dillon Malone joined the meeting]

- **Purpose of Three-Year Plan & Current Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Priorities**
- **Targeting Priorities Graphic**

Jenkins provided an overview of OJJDP requirements and funding priorities. State priorities should align with federal priorities. Title II (Formula) grant funds require a focus on diversion, alternatives to detention, and aftercare/reentry. Other federal priorities included youth violence prevention, a trauma-informed system, and a developmentally-focused system. One way to provide a broader impact is to incorporate priority areas into funding requirements (i.e. DMC as a focus in all projects/funding).

A brief discussion included concerns that girls should have a similar focus and that some Iowa communities have high concentrations of Latinos and Native Americans.

IV. Small Groups Breakout

- **Visioning Review**

Jenkins reviewed several handouts intended to guide discussion. The Council's mission statement was reviewed, as were concerns regarding the Council serving as a valuable juvenile justice resource to state leaders. Jenkins suggested it become part of the mission statement, work plan, or accomplished through joint sponsorship of juvenile justice-related summits.

Council members and staff divided into three groups to discuss the mission statement and vision strategies. The following was shared by each group:

Group 3: No one opposed to mission statement. Need to look at activities and advocacy, become more involved in other youth councils/organizations. Organize goals and strategies to get the best bang.

Group 1: Like the mission statement—addresses goals, but 'advocacy' may be weak, other considerations were 'champion', 'promote' and 'influence'. Want more collaboration regarding policies, legislation, and data utilization.

Group 2: Want to develop actions and objectives, something more concrete. Thought it was more important to do the work than 'wordsmith'.

V. Large Group Instruction and Overview: Choosing Priorities and Fashioning Goals & Objectives – Robin Jenkins

Jenkins discussed various types of priorities—policy, program, advocacy/collaboration, becoming more action-oriented, data-driven, funding, etc. In developing priorities, need to keep in mind the evaluation process and consider whether the priority is urgent, important, or not. Resources should be allocated based on how important or urgent the priority is ranked.

VI. Small Groups Breakout: Selecting Priorities for Next Three Years with Worksheets **VII. Large Group Review: Priorities, Assign to Working Groups for Goal & Objectives –**

Group 2 – self-advocacy, gender (juvenile home), DMC (CASP, DST, School-court, detention alternatives), and EBP (JJRRI). Mental health and substance abuse are underlying issues, but limited resources and other entities working in this area.

Group 3 – separated into roles/structuring the JJAC: Council and sub committees--what council can do—data collection, policy shaping, subcommittees review data and feed council with information, EBP – collaboration,

Group 1—Gender; EPB; DMC; Juvenile court jurisdiction/transition; JJDPA compliance

A lengthy discussion surrounded the MHSABD Subcommittee and whether to transform, disband, or continue as is. Concerns brought forth included that similar work is covered by other state agencies and outside groups; the subcommittee has no chair and needs more guidance.

Candice Bennett moved to designate priority areas as gender, EBP, DMC and compliance, seconded by Reed.

Discussion included that self-advocacy would be relevant in each priority area.

Several members stressed the importance of keeping mental health, substance abuse, and brain development as a priority area noting that it surrounds youth in the system and that there are issues with funding for system-involved youth.

Jenkins suggested a small list of priorities. Goals and objectives could include mental health and insure that each judicial district have training on EBP.

Staff suggested that council members serve on other mental health-related committees and provide updates at meetings.

There was some consensus to redraft a motion to include MHSABD as a priority area, although a subcommittee may not be required.

The motion failed unanimously.

Bennett moved to identify priority areas as: gender; EBP; DMC; JJDPA compliance; and MHSABD, with the understanding that MHSABD may not require a committee, seconded by Clarke. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Steve Michael discussed proceedings at the DHR Board meeting. DMC was designated a priority and the Board wants to partner with the JJAC. The CASP plan will be presented at the Board's October meeting.

[2:45 p.m. Ocker departed the meeting]

- VIII. Small Groups Breakout: Develop Specific Goals & Objectives**
- IX. Small Groups Breakout: Complete Work Plan & Sheets**
- X. Large Groups: Worksheets for each Strategy/Priority**
- XI. General Summary, Conclusions, Evaluations & Next Steps**

Jenkins provided guidance for developing goals and objectives for the priority areas.

Members divided into groups based on priority area (DMC, Gender, EBP, and MH).

The following was identified during discussion.

EBP:

- Increase saturation of evidence-based practices in each judicial district

Gender:

- Promote a high level of care for females in the juvenile justice system

DMC:

- Reduce DMC at the front end
- Convene a group of metro police department and diverse individuals to address arrests
- Use Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development group to gather school discipline and arrests data
- Technical assistance

Due to time constraints, details regarding goals and objectives were submitted to staff for compilation.

XII. Adjourn

Jenkins encouraged members to take the opportunity to get involved and make changes. He thanks those in attendance for their efforts.

Illian thanked Jenkins for his involvement and members for their time.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.